

HOUSE BILL 849

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Smoke Detectors and Smoke Alarms**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a person may sell or install smoke detectors, smoke
4 alarms, and specialized smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing only in
5 accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code; repealing a requirement that
6 each manufacturer that commercially sells or offers for sale a smoke detection
7 system obtain approval of each model of smoke detector from the State Fire
8 Marshal; repealing a certain application fee; and generally relating to smoke
9 detectors, smoke alarms, and smoke detection systems.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 9–105
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 9–105.

19 [(a)] A person may sell or install a smoke detection system, **SMOKE**
20 **DETECTOR, SMOKE ALARM,** or specialized smoke detectors **OR SMOKE ALARMS** for
21 the deaf and **HARD OF** hearing [impaired] only in accordance with the State Fire
22 Prevention Code.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **[(b) (1)** Each manufacturer commercially selling or offering for sale smoke
2 detection systems in the State shall obtain approval of each model of smoke detector
3 from the State Fire Marshal.

4 (2) An application for approval of each model of smoke detector shall
5 be:

6 (i) submitted in the manner required by the State Fire
7 Marshal; and

8 (ii) accompanied by a fee of \$25.]

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2011.